

**NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT (NCNMEDD)**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) # 2024-03

**MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**



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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The purpose of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is to enter into agreement/s with one or more qualified contractor/s to develop:

- 1) Mora County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2) Colfax County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

NCNMEDD is requesting proposals from qualified contractors with demonstrated experience creating Hazard Mitigation Plans for rural communities susceptible to various natural or human-caused disasters.

B. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NCNMEDD is a federally designated economic development district and a state council of governments/regional planning district that serves north central New Mexico, including the counties of Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Taos, Colfax, Mora, and San Miguel.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NM DHSEM) approved NCNMEDD to serve as fiscal agent for Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMPs) for Mora and Colfax counties, their incorporated municipalities and unincorporated communities. Colfax County's HMP is expired, and Mora County has never had a FEMA-approved HMP. Without a current, FEMA-approved HMP, these communities are excluded from certain FEMA programs, including Flood Mitigation Assistance and the Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities program. The HMP deliverables will be paid for by federal funds obtained by NCNMEDD from FEMA.

C. SCOPE OF PROCUREMENT

NCNMEDD seeks to procure services from highly qualified contractor/s to develop one or both of the following within a one-year period:

- 1) Mora County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2) Colfax County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

D. PROCUREMENT MANAGER

1. NCNMEDD has assigned a Procurement Manager who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement:

Name:	Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta
	Procurement Manager
Address:	NCNMEDD
	3900 Paseo del Sol
	Santa Fe, NM 87507
Telephone:	505-609-9439
Email:	bernadettes@ncnmedd.com

2. All deliveries of responses via express carrier must be addressed as follows (except for electronic submissions):

Name:	Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta
Reference RFP:	RFP # 2024-03: Mora County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Colfax County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Address:	NCNMEDD
	3900 Paseo del Sol
	Santa Fe, NM 87507

3. Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted, in writing, to the Procurement Manager. Offerors may contact ONLY the Procurement Manager regarding this procurement. Other NCNMEDD employees or Evaluation Committee members do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the NCNMEDD. Requests, inquiries, or clarifications must be submitted in writing to the Procurement Manager.
4. **Protests of the solicitation or award must be delivered by mail to the Protest Manager identified in Section II.B.11.** As a Protest Manager has been named in this Request for Proposals, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172, ONLY protests delivered directly to the Protest Manager in writing and in a timely fashion will be considered to have been submitted properly and in accordance with statute, rule and this Request for Proposals. Emailed protests will not be considered as properly submitted nor will protests delivered to the Procurement Manager be considered properly submitted.

E. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions of terms used throughout this procurement document, including appropriate abbreviations:

“**Agency**” means the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District.

“**Authorized Purchaser**” means an individual authorized by a Participating Entity to place orders against this contract.

“**Award**” means the final execution of the contract document.

“Business Hours” means 8:00 AM thru 5:00 PM Mountain Standard or Mountain Daylight Time, whichever is in effect on the date given.

“Close of Business” means 5:00 PM Mountain Standard or Daylight Time, whichever is in use at that time.

“Confidential” means confidential financial information concerning offeror’s organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act NMSA 1978 57-3-A-1 to 57-3A-7. See NMAC 1.4.1.45. As one example, no information that could be obtained from a source outside this request for proposals can be considered confidential information.

“Contract” means any agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property, services or construction.

“Contractor” means any business having a contract with a state agency or local public body.

“Determination” means the written documentation of a decision of a procurement officer including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.

“Desirable” the terms “may”, “can”, “should”, “preferably”, or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor.

“Electronic Version/Copy” means a digital form consisting of text, images or both readable on computers or other electronic devices that includes all content that the Original and Hard Copy proposals contain. The digital form may be submitted using a USB flash drive.

“Evaluation Committee” means a body appointed to perform the evaluation of Offerors’ proposals.

“Evaluation Committee Report” means a report prepared by the Procurement Manager and the Evaluation Committee for contract award. It will contain written determinations resulting from the procurement.

“Finalist” means an Offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.

“Hourly Rate” means the proposed fully loaded maximum hourly rates that include travel, per diem, fringe benefits and any overhead costs for contractor personnel, as well as subcontractor personnel if appropriate.

“IT” means Information Technology.

“Mandatory” – the terms "must", "shall", "will", "is required", or "are required", identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the Offeror’s proposal.

“Minor Technical Irregularities” means anything in the proposal that does not affect the price quality and quantity or any other mandatory requirement.

“Multiple Source Award” means an award of an indefinite quantity contract for one or more similar services, items of tangible personal property or construction to more than one Offeror.

“Offeror” is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a proposal.

“Procurement Manager” means any person or designee authorized by a state agency or local public body to enter into or administer contracts and make written determinations with respect thereto.

“Procuring Agency” means all State of New Mexico agencies, commissions, institutions, political subdivisions, and local public bodies allowed by law to entertain procurements.

“Project” means a temporary process undertaken to solve a well-defined goal or objective with clearly defined start and end times, a set of clearly defined tasks, and a budget. The project terminates once the project scope is achieved, and project acceptance is given by the project executive sponsor.

“Redacted” means a version/copy of the proposal with the information considered confidential as defined by NMAC 1.4.1.45 and defined herein and outlined in Section II.C.8 of this RFP blacked out BUT NOT omitted or removed.

“Request for Proposals (RFP)” means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.

“Responsible Offeror” means an Offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that his financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services, or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.

“Responsive Offer” or means an offer which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements.

“Sealed” means, in terms of a non-electronic submission, that the proposal is enclosed in a package which is completely fastened in such a way that nothing can be added or removed. Open packages submitted will not be accepted except for packages that may have been damaged by the delivery service itself. The State reserves the right, however, to accept or reject packages where there may have been damage done by the delivery service itself. Whether a package has been damaged by the delivery service or left unfastened and should or should not be accepted is a determination to be made by the Procurement Manager. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to and concurs with this process and accepts the determination of the Procurement Manager in such cases.

“Staff” means any individual who is a full-time, part-time, or an independently contracted employee with the Offerors’ company.

“State (the State)” means the State of New Mexico.

“State Agency” means any department, commission, council, board, committee, institution, legislative body, agency, government corporation, educational institution or official of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the government of this state. “State agency” includes the purchasing division of the general services department and the state purchasing agent but does not include local public bodies.

“Statement of Concurrence” means an affirmative statement from the Offeror to the required specification agreeing to comply and concur with the stated requirement(s). This statement shall be included in Offerors proposal. (e.g., “We concur”, “Understands and Complies”, “Comply”, “Will Comply if Applicable” etc.).

“Unredacted” means a version/copy of the proposal containing all complete information including any that the Offeror would otherwise consider confidential, such copy for use only for the purposes of evaluation.

“Written” means typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11-inch paper. Larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.

II. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule, description and conditions governing the procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

Action	Responsible Party	Due Dates
1. Issue RFP	Agency	August 28, 2023
2. Acknowledgement of Receipt	Potential Offerors	September 1, 2023
3. Deadline to Submit Questions	Potential Offerors	September 11, 2023
4. Response to Written Questions	Procurement Manager	September 15, 2023
5. Submission of Proposal	Potential Offerors	September 29, 2023
6. Proposal Evaluation	Evaluation Committee	October 2-6, 2023
7. Selection of Finalists	Evaluation Committee	October 6, 2023
8. Best and Final Offers	Finalist Offerors	October 9, 2023
9. Finalize Contractual Agreements	Agency/Finalist Offerors	October 26, 2023
10. Contract Award	Agency/ Finalist Offerors	October 26, 2023
11. Protest Deadline	Agency	November 10, 2023

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section II.A., above.

1. Issuance of RFP

This RFP is being issued by NCNMEDD on August 28, 2023, on behalf of Mora County and Colfax County.

2. Acknowledgement of Receipt

Potential Offerors should hand deliver, e-mail, or send by registered or certified mail the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Request for Proposals Form (APPENDIX A) that accompanies this document, to have their organization placed on the procurement distribution list. The form should be signed by an authorized representative of the

organization, dated, and returned to the Procurement Manager by 5:00 pm Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) on September 1, 2023.

The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions. Failure to return the Acknowledgement of Receipt form shall constitute a presumption of receipt and rejection of the RFP, and the potential Offeror's organization name shall not appear on the distribution list.

3. Deadline to Submit Written Questions

Potential Offerors may submit written questions to the Procurement Manager as to the intent or clarity of this RFP until 5:00 pm MDT on September 11, 2023, as indicated in Section II.A, Sequence of Events. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Manager as declared in Section I.D. Questions shall be clearly labeled and shall cite the Section(s) in the RFP or other document which form the basis of the question.

4. Response to Written Questions

Written responses to written questions will be distributed as indicated in the sequence of events to all potential Offerors whose organization name appears on the procurement distribution list. An e-mail copy will be sent to all Offeror's that provide Acknowledgement of Receipt Forms described in II.B.2 before the deadline.

5. Submission of Proposal

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM MOUNTAIN DAYLIGHT TIME ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2023. PROPOSALS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal.

Proposals must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Manager at the address listed in Section I.D.1 (except for electronic submissions). Proposals must be sealed and labeled on the outside of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to RFP #2024-03. Proposals submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

A public log will be kept of the names of all Offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-116, the contents of proposals shall not be disclosed to competing potential Offerors during the negotiation process. The negotiation process is deemed to be in effect until the contract is awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals. Awarded in this context means the final required state agency signature on the contract(s) resulting from the procurement has been obtained.

6. Proposal Evaluation

An Evaluation Committee will perform the evaluation of proposals. This process will take place as indicated in the sequence of events, depending upon the number of proposals received. During this time, the Procurement Manager may initiate discussions with

Offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals. However, proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Offerors.

7. Selection of Finalists

The Evaluation Committee will select the finalist and the Procurement Manager will notify the finalist Offerors as per schedule Section II.A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible. A schedule for the oral presentation and demonstration may be determined at this time.

8. Best and Final Offers

Finalist Offerors may be asked to submit revisions to their proposals for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers by as per schedule Section II.A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible.

9. Finalize Contractual Agreements

Any Contractual agreement(s) resulting from this RFP will be finalized with the most advantageous Offeror(s) as per schedule Section II.A., Sequence of Events or as soon thereafter as possible. This date is subject to change at the discretion of the NCNMEDD. In the event mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached with the apparent most advantageous Offeror in the time specified, the Agency reserves the right to finalize a contractual agreement with the next most advantageous Offeror(s) without undertaking a new procurement process.

10. Contract Awards

After review of the Evaluation Committee Report and the signed contractual agreement, the Agency Procurement office will award as per the schedule in Section II.A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible thereafter. This date is subject to change at the discretion of NCNMEDD.

The contract shall be awarded to the Offeror (or Offerors) whose proposals are most advantageous to NCNMEDD taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points. The award is subject to appropriate approval.

11. Protest Deadline

Any protest by an Offeror must be timely and in conformance with NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172 and applicable procurement regulations. As a Protest Manager has been named in this Request for Proposals, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172, ONLY protests delivered directly to the Protest Manager in writing and in a timely fashion will be considered to have been submitted properly and in accordance with statute, rule, and this Request for Proposals. The 15-calendar day protest period shall begin on the day following the award

of contracts and will end at 5:00pm Mountain Daylight Time on November 10, 2023. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposal number. It must also contain a statement of the grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits and it must specify the ruling requested from the party listed below. The protest must be delivered to:

Monica Abeita
Protest Manager at NCNMEDD
3900 Paseo del Sol
Santa Fe, NM 87507
monicaa@ncnmedd.com

PROTESTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Potential Offerors must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement, Section II.C, by completing and signing the Letter of Transmittal form, located in APPENDIX E. Submission of a proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors contained in Section V.B of this RFP.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the potential Offeror in preparation, transmittal, and/or presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contractual agreement that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of all requirements of the contractual agreement with the Agency which may derive from this RFP. The Agency entering into a contractual agreement with a vendor will make payments to only the prime contractor.

4. Subcontractors/Consent

The use of subcontractors is allowed. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance of the contractual agreement whether or not subcontractors are used. Additionally, the prime contractor must receive approval, in writing, from the Agency awarding any resultant contract before any subcontractor is used during the term of this agreement.

5. Amended Proposals

An Offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. **The Agency personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.**

6. Offeror's Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The Offeror must submit a written withdrawal request addressed to the Procurement Manager and signed by the Offeror's duly authorized representative.

The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulations, 1.4.1.5 & 1.4.1.36 NMAC.

7. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices for services, will be considered firm for one hundred twenty (120) days after the due date for receipt of proposals or ninety (90) days after the due date for the receipt of a best and final offer, if the Offeror is invited or required to submit one.

8. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

- a. Proposals will be kept confidential until negotiations and the award are completed by the Agency. At that time, all proposals and documents pertaining to the proposals will be open to the public, except for material that is clearly marked proprietary or confidential. The Procurement Manager will not disclose or make public any pages of a proposal on which the potential Offeror has stamped or imprinted "proprietary" or "confidential" subject to the following requirements.
- b. Proprietary or confidential data shall be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal.
- c. Confidential data is restricted to:
 - i. confidential financial information concerning the Offeror's organization; and
 - ii. information that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, NMSA 1978 § 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7.
 - iii. PLEASE NOTE: The price of products offered, or the cost of services proposed **shall not be designated** as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which an Offeror has made a written request for confidentiality, the Agency shall examine the Offeror's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the Offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data.

9. No Obligation

This RFP in no manner obligates the Agency to the use of any Offeror's services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by appropriate authorities.

10. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the Agency determines such action to be in the best interest of NCNMEDD.

11. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such terminations will be affected by sending written notice to the contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

12. Legal Review

The Agency requires that all Offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any Offeror's concerns must be promptly submitted in writing to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

13. Governing Law

This RFP and any agreement with an Offeror which may result from this procurement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied, in writing, by the Agency through the Procurement Manager or in this RFP should be used as the basis for the preparation of Offeror proposals.

15. Contract Terms and Conditions

The contract between an agency and a contractor will follow the format specified by the Agency and contain the terms and conditions set forth in the Sample Contract APPENDIX C. However, the contracting agency reserves the right to negotiate provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP (Sample Contract) with any Offeror. The contents of this RFP, as revised and/or supplemented, and the successful Offeror's proposal will be incorporated into and become part of any resultant contract.

The Agency discourages exceptions from the contract terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP Sample Contract. Such exceptions may cause a proposal to be rejected as nonresponsive when, in the sole judgment of the Agency (and its evaluation team), the

proposal appears to be conditioned on the exception, or correction of what is deemed to be a deficiency, or an unacceptable exception is proposed which would require a substantial proposal rewrite to correct.

Should an Offeror object to any of the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP Sample Contract (APPENDIX C) strongly enough to propose alternate terms and conditions in spite of the above, the Offeror must propose **specific** alternative language. The Agency may or may not accept the alternative language. General references to the Offeror's terms and conditions or attempts at complete substitutions of the Sample Contract are not acceptable to the Agency and will result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal.

Offerors must provide a brief discussion of the purpose and impact, if any, of each proposed change followed by the specific proposed alternate wording.

If an Offeror fails to propose any alternate terms and conditions during the procurement process (the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror), no proposed alternate terms and conditions will be considered later during the negotiation process. Failure to propose alternate terms and conditions during the procurement process (the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror) is an **explicit agreement** by the Offeror that the contractual terms and conditions contained herein are **accepted** by the Offeror.

16. Offeror's Terms and Conditions

Offerors must submit with the proposal a complete set of any additional terms and conditions they expect to have included in a contract negotiated with the Agency. Please see Section II.C.15 for requirements.

17. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation (such terms and conditions having been proposed during the procurement process, that is, the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror), will be discussed only between the Agency and the Offeror selected and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the Offeror's proposal.

18. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the potential Offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any potential Offeror who is not a Responsible Offeror or fails to submit a responsive offer as defined in NMSA 1978, § 13-1-83 and 13-1-85.

19. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The Evaluation Committee also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements provided that **all** of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the same mandatory requirements and the

failure to do so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee.

20. Change in Contractor Representatives

The Agency reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representative(s) is (are) not, in the opinion of the Agency, adequately meeting the needs of the Agency.

21. Notice of Penalties

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, § 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil, misdemeanor and felony criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

22. Agency Rights

The Agency in agreement with the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to accept all or a portion of a potential Offeror's proposal.

23. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, Offerors and contractors must secure from the agency written approval prior to the release of any information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement and/or agency contracts deriving from this procurement. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal or removal from the contract.

24. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to the RFP shall become property of the Agency.

25. Confidentiality

Any confidential information provided to, or developed by, the contractor in the performance of the contract resulting from this RFP shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the contractor without the prior written approval of the Agency.

The Contractor(s) agrees to protect the confidentiality of all confidential information and not to publish or disclose such information to any third party without the procuring Agency's written permission.

26. Electronic mail address required

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Offeror must have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence. (See also Section II.B.4, Response to Written Questions).

27. Use of Electronic Versions of this RFP

This RFP is being made available by electronic means. In the event of conflict between a version of the RFP in the Offeror's possession and the version maintained by the Agency, the Offeror acknowledges that the version maintained by the Agency shall govern.

28. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage

- a. If the Offeror has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Offeror must agree to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$250,000 dollars.
- b. Offeror must agree to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) decline health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) decline health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the State.
- c. Offeror must agree to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information
<http://www.insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/>.
- d. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed against it); these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the Offeror reports combined sales (from State and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a state price agreement) of \$250,000.

29. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Offeror must complete, sign, and return the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, APPENDIX B, as a part of their proposal. This requirement applies regardless of whether a covered contribution was made or not made for the positions of Governor and Lieutenant Governor or other identified official. Failure to complete and return the signed unaltered form will result in disqualification.

30. Letter of Transmittal

Offeror's proposal must be accompanied by the Letter of Transmittal Form located in APPENDIX E which must be completed and signed by an individual person authorized to obligate the company. The letter of transmittal MUST:

- a. Identify the submitting business entity.
- b. Identify the name, title, telephone, and e-mail address of the person authorized by the Offeror organization to contractually obligate the business entity providing the Offer.
- c. Identify the name, title, telephone, and e-mail address of the person authorized to negotiate the contract on behalf of the organization (if different than (2) above).
- d. Identify the names, titles, telephone, and e-mail addresses of persons to be contacted for clarification/questions regarding proposal content.
- e. Identify sub-contractors (if any) anticipated to be utilized in the performance of any resultant contract award.
- f. Describe the relationship with any other entity which will be used in the performance of this awarded contract.
- g. Identify the following with a check mark and signature where required:
 - i. **Explicitly** indicate acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section II.C.1;
 - ii. **Explicitly** indicate acceptance of Section V of this RFP; and
 - iii. Acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP.
- h. Be signed by the person identified in Section II.C.30.b.

31. Pay Equity Reporting Requirements

- a. If the Offeror has ten (10) or more employees OR eight (8) or more employees in the same job classification, Offeror must complete and submit the required reporting form (PE10-249) if they are awarded a contract. Out-of-state Contractors that have no facilities and no employees working in New Mexico are exempt if the contract is directly with the out-of-state contractor and fulfilled directly by the out-of-state contractor, and not passed through a local vendor.
- b. For contracts that extend beyond one (1) calendar year, or are extended beyond one (1) calendar year, Offeror must also agree to complete and submit the required form annually within thirty (30) calendar days of the annual bid or proposal submittal anniversary date and, if more than 180 days has elapsed since submittal of the last report, at the completion of the contract.
- c. Should Offeror not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, Offeror must agree to provide the required report within ninety (90) calendar days of meeting or exceeding the size requirement.
- d. Offeror must also agree to levy these reporting requirements on any subcontractor(s) performing more than 10% of the dollar value of this contract if said subcontractor(s) meets, or grows to meet, the stated employee size thresholds during the term of the contract. Offeror must further agree that, should one or more subcontractor not meet the size requirement for reporting at contract award but subsequently grows such that they meet or exceed the size requirement for reporting, offer will submit the required report, for each such subcontractor, within ninety (90) calendar days of that subcontractor meeting or exceeding the size requirement.

32. Disclosure Regarding Responsibility

- a. Any prospective Contractor and any of its Principals who enter into a contract greater than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) with any state agency or local public body for professional services, tangible personal property, services or construction agrees to disclose whether the Contractor, or any principal of the Contractor's company:
 - i. is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for award of contract by any federal entity, state agency or local public body;
 - ii. has within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted in a criminal matter or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - The commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract or subcontract;
 - Violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes related to the submission of offers; or
 - The commission in any federal or state jurisdiction of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violation of Federal criminal tax law, or receiving stolen property.
 - iii. is presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any (federal state or local) government entity with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A of this disclosure;
 - iv. has, preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal or state taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000.00 of which the liability remains unsatisfied. Taxes are considered delinquent if the following criteria apply:
 - The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge of the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
 - The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.
 - Have within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal or state agency or local public body.
- b. Principal, for the purpose of this disclosure, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity or related entities.
- c. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the Agency if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor learns that the Contractor's disclosure was at any time erroneous or became erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- d. A disclosure that any of the items in this requirement exist will not necessarily result in termination of this Agreement. However, the disclosure will be considered in the

determination of the Contractor's responsibility and ability to perform under this Agreement. Failure of the Contractor to furnish a disclosure or provide additional information as requested will render the Offeror nonresponsive.

- e. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the disclosure required by this document. The knowledge and information of a Contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- f. The disclosure requirement provided is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award and is a continuing material representation of the facts during the term of this Agreement. If during the performance of the contract, the Contractor is indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any offenses named in this document the Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Agency. If it is later determined that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous disclosure, in addition to other remedies available to the government, the Agency may terminate the involved contract for cause. Still further the Agency may suspend or debar the Contractor from eligibility for future solicitations until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Agency.

33. New Mexico Preferences

New Mexico Preferences shall not apply because the resulting contract/s will be paid from federal funds.

III. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one proposal in response to this RFP.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

Hard Copy Responses: Offeror's proposal must be clearly labeled and numbered and indexed as outlined in Section III.D.

Proposal Format: Proposals must be submitted as outlined below. The original copy shall be clearly marked as such on the front of the binder. Each portion of the proposal (technical/cost) must be submitted in separate binders and must be prominently displayed on the front cover. Envelopes, packages or boxes containing the original and the copies must be clearly labeled and submitted in a sealed envelope, package, or box bearing the following information:

Offerors should deliver:

- 1. Technical Proposals:** One (1) ORIGINAL and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal containing ONLY the Technical Proposal;
- 2. Cost Proposals:** One (1) ORIGINAL and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal containing ONLY the Cost Proposal.

The electronic version/copy of the proposal **must** mirror the original version submitted.

The original, hard copy and electronic copy information **must** be identical. In the event of a conflict between versions of the submitted proposal, the original hard copy shall govern.

Any proposal that does not adhere to the requirements of this Section and **Section III.D** may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

Both the electronic submission and the original proposal must be received no later than the time and date indicated in Section II.B.5, Explanation of Events, Submission of Proposals.

C. PROPOSAL FORMAT

All proposals must be submitted as follows:

Hard copies must be typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11-inch paper (larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.) and placed within binders with tabs delineating each section.

D. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

Direct reference to pre-prepared or promotional material may be used if referenced and clearly marked. Promotional material should be minimal. The proposal must be organized and indexed in the following format and must contain, at a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated.

1. Technical Proposal:

- a. Signed Letter of Transmittal (APPENDIX E)
- b. Table of Contents
- c. Proposal Summary (Optional)
- d. Response to Contract Terms and Conditions (from Section II.C.15)
- e. Offeror's Additional Terms and Conditions (from Section II.C.16)
- f. Response to Specifications (**except cost information**)
 - i. Organizational Experience
 - ii. Organizational References (APPENDIX F)
 - iii. Minimum Qualifications
 - iv. Financial Stability
 - v. Performance Surety Bond (if applicable)
 - vi. Signed Campaign Contribution Form (APPENDIX B)
 - vii. New Mexico and/or Veteran Preferences (if applicable)
- g. Minimum Qualification Form (APPENDIX G)
- h. Other Supporting Material (if applicable)

2. Cost Proposal:

- a. Completed Cost Response Form (APPENDIX D)

Within each section of the proposal, Offerors should address the items in the order indicated above. All forms provided in this RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of the proposal. All discussion of proposed costs, rates or expenses must occur on the Cost Response Form.

The proposal summary may be included by potential Offerors to provide the Evaluation Committee with an overview of the proposal; however, this material will not be used in the evaluation process unless specifically referenced from other portions of the Offeror's proposal.

IV. SPECIFICATIONS

Offerors should respond in the form of a thorough narrative to each specification, unless otherwise instructed. The narratives, including required supporting materials will be evaluated and awarded points accordingly.

A. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

NCNMEDD is seeking proposals from qualified contractors for the development and writing of Hazard Mitigation Plan/s in accordance with New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NM DHSEM) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Local Mitigation Plan Reviews. HMPs must meet all requirements of CRF 44 201.6 (local jurisdiction) and be approved by FEMA. Contractors may submit proposals for one or both of the following plans; noting that both HMPs must be completed in a one-year period:

- 1) Mora County Hazard Mitigation Plan to include Mora County, the Village of Wagon Mound, and unincorporated communities.
- 2) Colfax County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to include Colfax County, the City of Raton, Town of Springer, and Villages of Angel Fire, Cimarron, Eagle Nest and Maxwell, and unincorporated communities.

Task 1: Data Collection and Analysis

- The contractor will be responsible for researching, compiling, and analyzing the history of and data available regarding natural and manmade hazards that have occurred in the county or counties.
 - The contractor will, at a minimum, consult with the Federal Emergency Manager's Agency (FEMA), the NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NM DHSEM), the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE), the US Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for background information and any forecasts regarding potential hazards to the areas.
 - Long-time residents of the county/counties will likely be important sources of historical information: County staff will refer the contractor to current or former residents who have knowledge of or experience with disasters in the area.
- The contractor will identify locations for further evaluation in the Risk Analysis stage.
 - High-loss areas (of either people or economically important areas/structures)
 - Historic or culturally important sites
 - Critical facilities (hospitals, fire stations, schools, etc.)
 - Places that have experienced natural or manmade disasters in the last forty years
 - Water sources that are vital for drinking water and agriculture
 - Dams that the New Mexico State Engineers Office have identified as needing analysis
 - Other structures, slopes, timber standards, power lines, or infrastructure whose disruption could threaten the lives and property of area citizens.

- The contractor will make several trips to each county to conduct on-the-ground site visits to collect data for the Risk Analysis task.

Task 2: Planning Teams

The contractor will lead the Planning Team and be responsible for attending all Planning Team meetings.

Planning Team

- The contractor will identify local, regional, and state stakeholders and hazard mitigation experts (as defined in 44CFR 201). The contractor will invite them to join the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team.
- Once the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team members have been confirmed, the contractor will work with team members to establish a meeting schedule. The contractor will identify and book physical spaces for each meeting and/or set up online meetings via Zoom/Microsoft Teams/other. This process will be ongoing.
- The contractor will create the agenda for all meetings.
- The contractor must attend all meetings.
- The contractor should attend as many meetings as possible in-person.

Sub-Teams

- The contractor will work with the Planning Team to establish at least one sub-team for the county or counties.
 - Staff from the county/counties will assist in the identification of sub-team members.
 - The consultant will be responsible for reaching out to prospective sub-team members to join.
- Once the sub-teams are established, the contractor will identify and book a physical space or online meeting location for the first meeting. The contractor will create the agendas and lead the first meetings for each sub-team.
- After the first sub-team meeting, the contractor will turn the leadership of the sub-team over to a member of the sub-team.
- At least one County staff person will be a member of his/her County's sub-team and said person will participate in every sub-team meeting.
- The sub-teams will be responsible for coordinating public meetings. This task will be ongoing.
- The sub-teams will solicit information from local residents regarding their past experiences with natural and manmade disasters in the county or counties. The sub-teams will pass the information gathered on to the Planning Team. This process will be ongoing.
 - A County staff member will be responsible for ensuring local residents are solicited for interviews on their personal experiences and then passing the interview responses on to the Planning Team.

Task 3: Outreach Strategy

Due to the rural nature, aging population, and lower-than-average broadband availability of the counties, the outreach strategy may vary from standard 21st Century techniques. The Outreach Strategy will be implemented through the Public Involvement Process, Task 4.

- The contractor will create an outreach Strategy to effectively reach residents in the county/counties. The contractor will present the strategy to the Planning Team for feedback.
 - The strategy will include identification of a variety of mechanisms for reaching the public: radio, posters/flyers, mailers, Internet/social media, and partnerships with local organizations that have strong connections to the community.
- The contractor will design flyers for public meetings. This task will be ongoing.
- The contractor shall make regular appearances on local radio stations to promote the value of public involvement in the hazard mitigation planning process. This task will be ongoing.
- The contractor will engage with local groups (Long Term Recovery Group, etc.) and organizations which will help inform the public on the outreach strategy.
- The contractor will print and distribute public meeting informational flyers at all County buildings, community centers, senior centers, libraries, Disaster Recovery Center(s), and privately-owned spaces as permitted (restaurants, churches, etc.). This task will be ongoing.

Task 4: Public Involvement

The public will be involved throughout the HMP planning process. Members of the public and all stakeholders (as defined in 44CFR 201) will be included in both the Planning Team and County sub-team(s), and public forums will be conducted across the jurisdictions. Using the outreach strategy developed in Task 4, community members will be invited to a series of meetings at different stages of the planning process.

It is estimated that public outreach will require a substantial amount of time for both the contractor and the localities. Virtual meetings are not recommended due to the lack of reliable broadband and Internet for many residents. Public outreach will be on-going.

- The Planning Team will schedule four to eight public meetings in each county.
- The contractor will reserve meeting space and follow the outreach plan created in Task 3, including printing and distribution of flyers, door-to-door information spreading, radio appearances, etc.
- County staff will be present at each meeting.
- The contractor is required to be present for all meetings.
 - The contractor will lead each meeting.
 - The contractor will prepare the agenda, presentation (PowerPoint slides, handouts, etc.) for each meeting.
 - The contractor will be responsible for facilitating, taking notes, organizing and synthesizing all relevant information provided during the Public Involvement process.

Initial proposed meeting topics are as follows. Meeting topics may be repeated at different meeting locations to ensure input from all areas and communities of the county or counties.

- Kick-off Meeting/s
 - Introduce the concept and purpose of hazard mitigation to the community.
 - Introduce members of the Planning Team and County sub-team
 - Share the proposed agenda and timeline for the planning process
 - Address questions and concerns from the attendees

- Risk Identification Meeting/s: Risk identification meetings are a forum to solicit and collect local knowledge and expertise. The contractor will use this meeting as a forum to collect information from community members who are intimately familiar with the landscapes and structures that may be most vulnerable to or impacted by a natural or human-caused disaster. Community members will be encouraged to share experiences of past disasters and bring pictures for inclusion in the hazard mitigation plan.
- Scenarios and Mitigation Strategy Review Meeting/s: Contractor will review and solicit feedback on scenarios and mitigation strategies developed in Tasks 5 and 6.
- HMP Review Meeting/s: The draft HMP/s will be shared with stakeholders and the public at least one month prior to proposed adoption.

Task 5: Risk Assessment

The contractor will use the information gathered in Task 1 to analyze the potential impacts and losses, qualitative and quantitative, for each hazard. This will be a significant task for the contractor which should take approximately 145-160 hours to complete over a three-to-four-month period.

- The contractor shall create a list of the assets identified in Task 1 for inclusion in the HMP/s. This task should take approximately one month to complete.
 - The list will include asset name/title, street address (if applicable), owner, use (government building, business, farm/ranch, etc.), date of construction (if applicable), notes, and any other columns deemed appropriate.
 - Where possible, a dollar amount will be assigned to the value of a structure or its replacement cost.
 - County staff will provide street addresses, ownership details and other information available from the County Assessor's Office.
- The contractor will create a digital map(s) showing the location and incorporated information about the assets. This task should take approximately one month to complete.
 - The contractor will create the maps in a format that is editable by the county or counties in the future.
 - The contractor will make the map(s) in a printable format.
- The contractor will create a risk matrix for the identified assets and hazards that may affect that asset. This task should take approximately one month to complete.
 - The contractor will create a risk matrix to ensure the effects of a natural or manmade disaster on a particular asset and thus public health and safety are accurately reflected in the matrix.
- The contractor will run simulations and/or scenarios/forecasts of each hazard event at different locations.
 - The contractor will incorporate the effects of climate change into the models.
 - The contractor will summarize the hazard events simulated and the results of the scenarios run for the HMP/s.

Task 6: Mitigation Strategies

The contractor is responsible for developing and summarizing suggested mitigation strategies for each identified hazard in the county/counties. Due to the scale and scope of the work, as well as the presence of multiple dams, we are anticipating that this will take approximately 150-160 hours

of the contractor's time. The entire process of developing and summarizing all mitigation strategies should take approximately two months.

- The contractor will identify and summarize mitigation goals and objectives.
- The contractor will identify at least two mitigation alternatives for each scenario generated in Task 5's forecasting analyses.
 - The contractor will recommend the best alternative for each scenario based not only on preservation of life and property, but on the realistic opportunity a community has to implement such a strategy given its capacity and financial resources.
- The contractor will summarize the likely outcome(s) if no mitigation action is taken for each scenario generated in Task 5's forecasting analyses.
- The contractor will identify how to address the mitigation strategies with a comprehensive mitigation action plan.
 - The contractor will make a priority list of which mitigation strategy to address first.
 - The contractor will provide a timeline for each mitigation strategy.
 - The contractor will provide an estimated cost of completion for each mitigation strategy.
 - The contractor will include case studies demonstrating how similar communities have managed the implementation of similar mitigation strategies.
 - The contractor will provide list of funding sources, including local, state, and federal.
 - The contractor will provide a list of technical assistance programs, including local, state, and federal.

Task 7: Review and Adopt Plan

Plan Review

Once a draft HMP is available, the contractor will review the draft with the Planning Team/s, the community, and shall be responsible for facilitating, taking notes, organizing and synthesizing all relevant information provided during the review process. The Plan Review process is expected to take one month.

- The contractor will distribute the plan electronically and in printed form to the Planning Team.
 - The county/counties will be responsible for printing copies for any Planning Team member who wants one.
 - The contractor will incorporate the appropriate feedback from the Planning Team into the HMP.
- The county/counties will be responsible for printing the draft copies of the HMP for distribution.
- The contractor will share the draft with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NM DHSEM).
 - The contractor will incorporate NM DHSEM's suggested changes, address any concerns, and respond to any questions NM DHSEM may have.
- Once NM DHSEM's changes and comments have been added to the draft, DHSEM will submit the draft Plan to FEMA Region 6 for review and comment.

- The contractor will respond to FEMA’s edits and make changes to the draft. The draft will be returned to FEMA for further review, and additional changes, if any, will be addressed until FEMA issues its “Approved Pending Adoption” letter.
- The contractor will schedule a time and date, and reserve a location for a public meeting to present the draft hazard mitigation plan.
- The contractor will be responsible for making all suggested additions, deletions, changes and any other edits contributed by NM DHSEM, FEMA, stakeholders, Planning Team, County sub-teams, and the public.
- The contractor will be responsible for creating any additional suggested charts, graphs, maps, tables, etc. asked for through the feedback process.

Plan Adoption

Once all feedback has been incorporated into the HMP, the contractor will resubmit the plan to NM DHSEM and FEMA for final approval, and then present that approved plan to the County Commission/s for adoption. The Plan Adoption process is expected to take one month.

- The contractor is responsible for making all requested, final changes to the HMP/s.
- County staff are responsible for scheduling, giving proper public notice, and holding the hearing for adoption of the HMP/s by the County Commission/s.
 - The contractor will lead the presentation of the HMP at the County Commission/s meeting and will be responsible for addressing any questions that may arise.

Task 8: Draft the Hazard Mitigation Plan

The contractor is responsible for the drafting of the HMP/s. The Plan/s will not only compile the communities’ profiles, potential hazards, effects, and strategies, but will organize this information into a useful document that the counties can use to enact the Plans. The document should include pictures, charts and graphs (as necessary), discussion of future concerns, identified sources of funding (alongside cost analysis of the mitigation practices), and other resources for the communities to use. Time and costs to draft the plan is built into Tasks 1, 4, 5 and 6.

Plan must include, at a minimum, the following chapters:

- **Community Profile:** Overview of the community’s history, population demographics, economy, housing, land use, and environmental landscape.
- **Planning Process:** Creation of the Planning Team and County sub-teams; listing of team members; contact with stakeholders, subject-matter expert, State and Federal agencies; description of public meetings; cataloging sources of information, data, and maps used for Plan development.
- **Risk Assessment:** Qualitative and quantitative audit of historical events, current conditions, and future projections; inventory of community assets and vulnerabilities; analysis of impacts and losses attributable to each hazard.
- **Mitigation Strategies:** Mitigation goals, mitigation actions, and action plan.
 - This should include a list of programs, funding resources,
- **Plan Maintenance:** Recommendations for keeping the plan current, continuing community involvement, and making updates as needed.

B. SCHEDULE AND TIMEFRAMES

As shown below, NCNMEDD has developed a schedule for the HMP/s, including timeframes for each Task. These schedules and timeframes have been approved by FEMA. If the Offeror wishes to propose a different schedule or task timeframes, the Offeror's proposed schedule and/or timeframes should be included in the proposal.

Please note that a one-year maximum schedule for each HMP is expected. The Offeror may propose a shorter schedule provided that all Tasks are accomplished and provided that the Offeror has sufficient capacity to meet the more aggressive schedule.

Mora County HMP Schedule	Hours	Month											
		1*	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Task 1: Data Collection & Analysis	160												
Task 2: Planning Team	100												
Task 3: Outreach Strategy	47												
Task 4: Public Involvement	100												
Task 5: Risk Assessment	160												
Task 6: Mitigation Strategies	160												
Task 7: Review/Adopt Plan	62												
Task 8: Draft Plan	-												

**Note: Month 1 is set aside for contracts finalization, contractor orientation, and other start up activities.*

Colfax County HMP Update Schedule	Hours	Month											
		1*	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Task 1: Data Collection & Analysis	150												
Task 2: Planning Team	90												
Task 3: Outreach Strategy	40												
Task 4: Public Involvement	90												
Task 5: Risk Assessment	145												
Task 6: Mitigation Strategies	150												
Task 7: Review and Adopt Plan	60												
Task 8: Draft Plan	-												

**Note: Month 1 is set aside for contracts finalization, contractor orientation, and other start up activities.*

C. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Organizational Experience

Offerors **must**:

- a. Provide a description of relevant experience creating and updating FEMA-approved HMPs. The experience of all proposed team members and subcontractors, if any, must be described. The narrative must thoroughly describe how the Offeror has supplied expertise for similar contracts and must include the extent of their experience, expertise and knowledge of working with communities to create HMPs.
- b. List all key professional personnel to be assigned to the performance of the contract, including the percent of time and number of hours they will spend on the contract, their role in the project, their relevant experience, and their years of experience with HMPs.
- c. Provide a proposed general work plan that supports Offeror's ability to meet the one-year deadline for completion of the HMP/s.

2. Organizational References

Offerors should provide a minimum of three (3) references from similar projects performed for municipal, county, regional or state government clients within the last three years.

Offerors are required to submit APPENDIX F, Organization Reference Questionnaire, to the business references they list. The business references must submit the Reference Form directly to the Procurement Manager described in Section I.D. It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure the completed forms are received on or before September 29, 2023, for inclusion in the evaluation process.

Organizational References that are not received or are not complete, may adversely affect the Offeror's score in the evaluation process. The Evaluation Committee may contact any or all business references for validation of information submitted. If this step is taken, the Procurement Manager and the Evaluation Committee must all be together on a conference call with the submitted reference so that the Procurement Manager and all members of the Evaluation Committee receive the same information. Additionally, the Agency reserves the right to consider any and all information available to it (outside of the Business Reference information required herein), in its evaluation of Offeror responsibility per Section II.C.18.

Offerors shall submit the following Business Reference information as part of Offer:

- a. Client name;
- b. Project description;
- c. Project dates (starting and ending);
- d. Staff assigned to reference engagement that will be designated for work per this RFP; and
- e. Client project manager name, telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

D. BUSINESS SPECIFICATIONS

1. Business Requirements

Each Offeror must certify that it meets all the following minimum qualifications:

- a. Offeror must be in compliance and good standing with federal and state government programs and regulations.
- b. Offeror must be in good standing with employee protections such as workers compensation insurance.

2. Minimum Qualifications

Each Offeror must certify that it meets all the following minimum qualifications.

- ii. Must perform the services required by RFP# 2024-03 and adhere to all requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions of such RFP.
- iii. Must have an active business license with the State of New Mexico.
- iv. Must have successfully completed at least one FEMA-approved HMP, and preferably three FEMA-approved HMPs (does not have to be in New Mexico).
- v. Must possess professional liability insurance, in accordance with Section 8.I of 2.2.2 NMAC, covering any error or omission committed during the term of any contract awarded under this RFP.
- vi. Must have an internal quality control system in place and external quality control reviews conducted in accordance with Section 14.C of 2.2.2 NMAC.
- vii. Must take all reasonable and commercially accepted measures to ensure the security and confidentiality of information and data provided by NMAC.
- viii. Must be independent and have no interest not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required under any contract entered into by NCNMEDD and the Offeror.
- ix. Must have a positive net worth as of the submission date of its proposal and that it shall maintain a positive net worth for the duration of any contract entered into with NCNMEDD.
- x. Must comply with confidentiality requirements as stated in the contract.
- xi. Must comply with all requirements of the most recent Audit Rule.

3. Financial Stability

Offerors must submit copies of the most recent years independently audited financial statements and the most current 10K, as well as financial statements for the preceding three years if they exist. The submission must include the audit opinion, the balance sheet, and statements of income, retained earnings, cash flows, and the notes to the financial statements. If independently audited financial statements do not exist, Offeror must state the reason and, instead, submit sufficient information (e.g. D & B report) to enable the Evaluation Committee to assess the financial stability of the Offeror.

4. Performance Surety Bond

Offeror(s) must have the ability to secure a Performance Surety Bond in favor of the Agency to insure the Contractor's performance upon any subsequent contract award. Each engagement will be different but the option to require a Performance Surety Bond must be available to the Agencies at time of contract award. **A statement of concurrence must be submitted in the Offeror's proposal.**

5. Letter of Transmittal Form

The Offeror's proposal **must** be accompanied by the Letter of Transmittal Form located in APPENDIX E. The form **must** be completed and must be signed by the person authorized to obligate the company.

6. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

The Offeror must complete an unaltered Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, APPENDIX B, and submit a signed copy with the Offeror's proposal. This must be accomplished whether or not an applicable contribution has been made.

7. Cost

Offerors must complete the Cost Response Form in APPENDIX D. Cost will be measured by cost per hour with amount not to exceed. All charges listed on APPENDIX D must be justified and evidence of need documented in the proposal.

8. Resident Business Preference

If applicable, to ensure adequate consideration and application of NMSA 1978, § 13-1-21 (as amended), Offerors must include a copy of their preference certificate in this section.

V. EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION POINT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of evaluation factors with point values assigned to each. These weighted factors will be used in the evaluation of individual potential Offeror proposals by sub-category.

Factors	Points Available
1. Organizational Experience	50
2. Organizational References	10
3. Business Requirements & Minimum Qualifications	20
4. Financial Stability	Pass/Fail
5. Performance Surety Bond	Pass/Fail
6. Letter of Transmittal	Pass/Fail
7. Signed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form	Pass/Fail
8. Cost	20
TOTAL POINTS	100
9a. New Mexico Preference: Resident Vendor Points	N/A—Federally funded contract
9b. New Mexico Preference Resident Veterans Points	N/A—Federally funded contract
9c. Native American Preference	N/A—Federally funded contract

B. EVALUATION FACTORS

1. Organizational Experience

Points will be awarded based on the thoroughness and clarity of the response of the engagements cited and the perceived validity of the response.

2. Organizational References

Points will be awarded based upon an evaluation of the responses to a series of questions as per APPENDIX F. Points will be awarded for each individual response up to 1/3 of the total points for this category. Lack of a response will be awarded zero (0) points.

3. Minimum Qualifications

Points will be awarded based upon an evaluation of the responses to a series of questions as per APPENDIX G. Points will be awarded for each individual response up to 1/3 of the total points for this category. Lack of a response will be awarded zero (0) points.

4. Financial Stability

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

5. Performance Surety Bond

If required. Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

6. Letter of Transmittal

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

7. Signed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

8. Cost

The evaluation of each Offeror's cost proposal will be conducted using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lowest Responsive Offer Bid}}{\text{This Offeror's Bid}} = X \text{ Available Award Points}$$

C. EVALUATION PROCESS

1. All Offeror proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements and specifications stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Manager may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section II.B.6.
3. The Evaluation Committee may use other sources to perform the evaluation as specified in Section II.C.18.
4. Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors in Section IV, which have been assigned a point value. The responsible Offerors with the highest scores will be selected as finalist Offerors, based upon the proposals submitted. The responsible Offerors whose proposals are most advantageous, taking into consideration the evaluation factors in Section IV, will be recommended for award (as specified in Section II.B.7). Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score.

APPENDIX A
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #2024-03

Check to indicate which Hazard Mitigation Plan/s for which you plan to submit a proposal:

_____ **MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

_____ **COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal the undersigned agrees that s/he has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and table of contents, and ending with APPENDIX G.

The acknowledgement of receipt should be signed and returned to the Procurement Manager no later than September 1, 2023. Only potential Offerors who elect to return this form completed with the indicated intention of submitting a proposal will receive copies of all Offeror written questions and the written responses to those questions as well as RFP amendments, if any are issued.

FIRM: _____

REPRESENTED
BY: _____

TITLE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposal.

Firm does/does not (circle one) intend to respond to this Request for Proposal.

Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta, Procurement Manager, bernadettes@ncnmedd.com
NCNMEDD, 3900 Paseo del Sol, Santa Fe, NM 87507

APPENDIX B
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2024-03
MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), any person seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body shall void an executed contract or cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

THIS FORM MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to either statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a

candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law.

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Person” means any corporation, partnership, individual, joint venture, association or any other private legal entity.

“Prospective contractor” means a person who is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Name of Applicable Public Official: _____

Date(s) Contribution(s)
Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s): _____

Nature of Contribution(s): _____

Purpose of Contribution(s): _____

*Attach extra pages if necessary

Signature

Date

Title (position)

—OR—

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

Title (position)

APPENDIX C SAMPLE CONTRACT

MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Agreement No. []

THIS Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the **North Central New Mexico Economic Development District**, hereinafter referred to as the “Procuring Agency” and [], hereinafter referred to as the “Contractor” and collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Procurement Code, NMSA 1978 13-1-28 *et. seq.* and Procurement Code Regulations, NMAC 1.4.1 *et. seq.* the Contractor has held itself out as an entity with the ability to provide the required services to implement the Scope of Work as contained herein and the Procuring Agency has selected the Contractor as the offeror most advantageous; and

WHEREAS, all terms and conditions of **RFP 2024-03** and the Contractor’s response to such document(s) are incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. **Definitions.**

- A. "Business Hours" means 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time.
- B. "Procuring Agency" means any state agency or local public body that enters into an Agreement to procure products or services.
- C. “Products and Services schedule” refers to the complete list of products and services offered under this Agreement and the price for each. Product and service descriptions may be amended only through a written amendment signed by all required signatories and with the prior approval of the Agreement Administrator, if any. New products and services beyond those in the original procurement shall not be added to the Products and Services Schedule.
- D. “RFP” means Request for Proposals as defined in statute and rule.
- E. “We,” “us” or “our” refers to the State of New Mexico, agencies, commissions, institutions, political sub-divisions and local public bodies allowed by law to participate in the Agreement and whose accounts are created under this Agreement.
- F. “You” and “your” refers to the Contractor.

2. **Scope of Work.**

The Contractor shall perform the work as outlined in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. **Compensation.**

A. Compensation Schedule. The Procuring Agency shall pay to the Contractor based upon fixed prices for each Deliverable, per the schedule outlined in Exhibit A, less retainage, if any, as identified in paragraph D of this Clause.

B. Payment. The total compensation under this Agreement shall not exceed [\$] including New Mexico gross receipts tax. **PLEASE NOTE NO PROPERTY TAX WILL BE PAID TO THE CONTRACTOR BY THE PROCURING AGENCY. This amount is a maximum and not a guarantee that the work assigned to be performed by Contractor under this Agreement shall equal the amount stated herein. The Parties do not intend for the Contractor to continue to provide Services without compensation when the total compensation amount is reached. Contractor is responsible for notifying the Procuring Agency when the Services provided under this Agreement reach the total compensation amount. In no event will the Contractor be paid for Services provided in excess of the total compensation amount without this Agreement being amended in writing prior to services, in excess of the total compensation amount being provided.**

Payment shall be made upon Acceptance of each Deliverable and upon the receipt and Acceptance of a detailed, certified Payment Invoice. Payment will be made to the Contractor's designated mailing address. In accordance with Section 13-1-158 NMSA 1978, payment shall be tendered to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of the date of written certification of Acceptance. All Payment Invoices **MUST BE** received by the Procuring Agency no later than fifteen (15) days after the termination of this Agreement. Payment Invoices received after such date **WILL NOT BE PAID.**

C. Taxes. The Contractor shall be reimbursed by the Procuring Agency for applicable New Mexico gross receipts taxes, excluding interest or penalties assessed on the Contractor by any authority. **PLEASE NOTE NO PROPERTY TAX WILL BE PAID TO THE CONTRACTOR BY THE PROCURING AGENCY.** The payment of taxes for any money received under this Agreement shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility and should be reported under the Contractor's Federal and State tax identification number(s).

Contractor and any and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall require all subcontractors to hold the Procuring Agency harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs, including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.

D. Retainage. Not Applicable – The Parties agree there is no retainage.

E. Performance Bond. Not Applicable. The Parties agree there is no Performance Bond.

4. **Term.**

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY THE FINAL REQUIRED SIGNATORY. This Agreement shall begin on the date approved by the Final Required Signatory and shall end on **October 31, 2024** unless terminated pursuant to this Agreement's Termination Clause or Appropriations Clause. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to renew the Agreement through a written amendment signed by all required signatories and in accordance with the term of the request for proposals, if this contract was based on a request for proposals.

5. **Termination**

A. **Grounds.** The Procuring Agency may terminate this Agreement for convenience or cause. The Contractor may only terminate this Agreement based upon the Procuring Agency's uncured, material breach of this Agreement.

B. **Notice; Procuring Agency Opportunity to Cure.**

1. Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph A of this Clause and the Appropriations Clause of this Agreement, the Procuring Agency shall give Contractor written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination.

2. Contractor shall give Procuring Agency written notice of termination at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination, which notice shall (i) identify all the Procuring Agency's material breaches of this Agreement upon which the termination is based and (ii) state what the Procuring Agency must do to cure such material breaches. Contractor's notice of termination shall only be effective (i) if the Procuring Agency does not cure all material breaches within the thirty (30) day notice period or (ii) in the case of material breaches that cannot be cured within thirty (30) days, the Procuring Agency does not, within the thirty (30) day notice period, notify the Contractor of its intent to cure and begin with due diligence to cure the material breach.

3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice to the Contractor (i) if the Contractor becomes unable to perform the services contracted for, as determined by the Procuring Agency; (ii) if, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor is suspended or debarred by the State Purchasing Agent; or (iii) the Agreement is terminated pursuant to the Appropriations Clause of this Agreement.

C. **Liability.** Except as otherwise expressly allowed or provided under this Agreement, the Procuring Agency's sole liability upon termination shall be to pay for acceptable work performed prior to the Contractor's receipt or issuance of a notice of termination; provided, however, that a notice of termination shall not nullify or otherwise affect either party's liability for pre-termination defaults under or breaches of this Agreement. The Contractor shall submit an invoice for such work within thirty (30) days of receiving or sending the notice of termination. **THIS PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE PROCURING AGENCY'S OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.**

6. **Appropriations.**

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made for the performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon written notice being given by the Procuring Agency to the Contractor. The Procuring Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. If the Procuring Agency proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding, the Contractor shall have the option to terminate the Agreement or to agree to the reduced funding, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendment.

7. **Status of Contractor.**

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors performing professional or general services for the Procuring Agency and are not employees of the Procuring Agency. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the Procuring Agency as a result of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are reportable by the Contractor for tax purposes, including without limitation, self-employment and business income tax. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the Procuring Agency unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

8. **Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act.**

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and, during the term of this Agreement, shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement.

B. The Contractor further represents and warrants that it has complied with, and, during the term of this Agreement, will continue to comply with, and that this Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act, Chapter 10, Article 16 NMSA 1978. Without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor specifically represents and warrants that:

1) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-4.3, the Contractor does not employ, has not employed, and will not employ during the term of this Agreement any Procuring Agency employee while such employee was or is employed by the Procuring Agency and participating directly or indirectly in the Procuring Agency's contracting process;

2) this Agreement complies with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-7(A) because (i) the Contractor is not a public officer or employee of the State; (ii) the Contractor is not a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the State; (iii) the Contractor is not a business in which a public officer or employee or the family of a public officer or employee has a substantial interest; or (iv) if the Contractor is a public officer or employee of the State, a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the State, or a business in which a public officer or employee of the State or the family of a public officer or employee of the

State has a substantial interest, public notice was given as required by NMSA 1978, § 10-16-7(A) and this Agreement was awarded pursuant to a competitive process;

3) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-8(A), (i) the Contractor is not, and has not been represented by, a person who has been a public officer or employee of the State within the preceding year and whose official act directly resulted in this Agreement and (ii) the Contractor is not, and has not been assisted in any way regarding this transaction by, a former public officer or employee of the State whose official act, while in State employment, directly resulted in the Procuring Agency's making this Agreement;

4) this Agreement complies with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-9(A) because (i) the Contractor is not a legislator; (ii) the Contractor is not a member of a legislator's family; (iii) the Contractor is not a business in which a legislator or a legislator's family has a substantial interest; or (iv) if the Contractor is a legislator, a member of a legislator's family, or a business in which a legislator or a legislator's family has a substantial interest, disclosure has been made as required by NMSA 1978, § 10-16-7(A), this Agreement is not a sole source or small purchase contract, and this Agreement was awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Procurement Code;

5) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-13, the Contractor has not directly participated in the preparation of specifications, qualifications or evaluation criteria for this Agreement or any procurement related to this Agreement; and

6) in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 10-16-3 and § 10-16-13.3, the Contractor has not contributed, and during the term of this Agreement shall not contribute, anything of value to a public officer or employee of the Procuring Agency.

C. Contractor's representations and warranties in paragraphs A and B of this Clause are material representations of fact upon which the Procuring Agency relied when this Agreement was entered into by the parties. Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the Procuring Agency if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor learns that Contractor's representations and warranties in paragraphs A and B of this Clause were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances. If it is later determined that Contractor's representations and warranties in paragraphs A and B of this Clause were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances, in addition to other remedies available to the Procuring Agency and notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the Procuring Agency may immediately terminate the Agreement.

D. All terms defined in the Governmental Conduct Act have the same meaning in this Agreement.

9. Amendment.

A. This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto and all other required signatories.

B. If the Procuring Agency proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding due to budget or other considerations, the Contractor shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed Amendment, have the option to terminate the Agreement, pursuant to the

termination provisions as set forth in the Terminations Clause of this Agreement, or to agree to the reduced funding.

10. **Merger.**

This Agreement incorporates all the Agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, Agreements and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior Agreement or understanding, oral or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

11. **Penalties for violation of law.**

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978 §§ 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, imposes civil and criminal penalties for violation of the statute. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal acts, including bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

12. **Equal Opportunity Compliance.**

The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal and state laws and rules and regulations, and executive orders of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws of the State of New Mexico, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements during the life of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

13. **Workers Compensation.**

The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by the Procuring Agency.

14. **Applicable Law.**

The laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern this Agreement, without giving effect to its choice of law provisions. Venue shall be proper only in a New Mexico court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with NMSA 1978, § 38-3-1 (G). By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising under or out of any term of this Agreement.

15. **Records and Financial Audit.**

The Contractor shall maintain detailed time and expenditure records that indicate the date, time, nature and cost of services rendered during the Agreement's term and effect and retain them for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement. The records shall be subject to inspection by the Procuring Agency, the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. The Procuring Agency shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the Procuring Agency to recover excessive or illegal payments

16. **Invalid Term or Condition.**

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.

17. **Enforcement of Agreement**

A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a party of any of its rights under this Agreement shall be effective unless express and in writing, and no effective waiver by a party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

18. **Non-Collusion**

In signing this Agreement, the Contractor certifies the Contractor has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this offer submitted to the Procuring Agency.

19. **Notices.**

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

To the Procuring Agency:

Monica Abeita, Executive Director

North Central New Mexico Economic Development District

3900 Paseo del Sol

Santa Fe, NM 87507

monicaa@ncnmedd.com

To the Contractor:

[].

20. **Succession**

This Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

21. **Headings**

Any and all headings herein are inserted only for convenience and ease of reference and are not to be considered in the construction or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement. Numbered or lettered provisions, sections and subsections contained herein, refer only to provisions, sections and subsections of this Agreement unless otherwise expressly stated.

22. **Default/Breach.**

In case of Default and/or Breach by the Contractor, for any reason whatsoever, the Procuring Agency may procure the goods or Services from another source and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting excess costs and/or damages, including but not limited to, direct damages, indirect damages, consequential damages, special damages and the Procuring Agency may also seek all other remedies under the terms of this Agreement and under law or equity.

23. **Equitable Remedies.**

Contractor acknowledges that its failure to comply with any provision of this Agreement will cause the Procuring Agency irreparable harm and that a remedy at law for such a failure would be an inadequate remedy for the Procuring Agency, and the Contractor consents to the Procuring Agency's obtaining from a court of competent jurisdiction, specific performance, or injunction, or any other equitable relief in order to enforce such compliance. Procuring Agency's rights to obtain equitable relief pursuant to this Agreement shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedy that Procuring Agency may have under applicable law, including, but not limited to, monetary damages.

24. **New Mexico Employees Health Coverage.**

A. If Contractor has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of this Agreement, Contractor certifies, by signing this agreement, to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the Agreement, health insurance for those employees and offer that health insurance to those employees if the expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the Procuring Agency and the State exceed \$250,000 dollars.

B. Contractor agrees to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) declined health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) declined health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the Procuring Agency or the State.

C. Contractor agrees to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information: <https://bewellnm.com>.

25. **Indemnification.**

The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Procuring Agency from all actions, proceeding, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys' fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement, caused by the negligent act or failure to act of the Contractor, its officers, employees, servants, subcontractors or agents, resulting in injury or damage to persons or property during the time when the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor thereof has or is performing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the services performed by the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor under this Agreement is brought against the Contractor, the Contractor shall, as soon as practicable but no later than two (2) days after it receives notice thereof, notify the Procuring Agency by certified mail.

26. **Default and Force Majeure.**

The Procuring Agency reserves the right to cancel all or any part of any orders placed under this Agreement without cost to the Procuring Agency, if the Contractor fails to meet the provisions of this Agreement and, except as otherwise provided herein, to hold the Contractor liable for any excess cost occasioned by the Procuring Agency due to the Contractor's default. The Contractor shall not be liable for any excess costs if failure to perform the order arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor; such causes include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or the public enemy, acts of the State or Federal Government, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, unusually severe weather and defaults of subcontractors due to any of the above, unless the Procuring Agency shall determine that the supplies or services to be furnished by the subcontractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required delivery scheduled. The rights and remedies of the Procuring Agency provided in this Clause shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights now being provided by law or under this Agreement.

27. **Assignment.**

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Procuring Agency.

28. **Subcontracting.**

The Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the services to be performed under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Procuring Agency. No such subcontract shall relieve the primary Contractor from its obligations and liabilities under this Agreement, nor shall any subcontract obligate direct payment from the Procuring Agency.

29. **Inspection of Plant.**

The Procuring Agency or entity that is a party to this Agreement may inspect, at any reasonable time during Contractor's regular business hours and upon prior written notice, the Contractor's plant or place of business, or any subcontractor's plant or place of business, which is related to the performance of this Agreement.

30. **Commercial Warranty.**

The Contractor agrees that the tangible personal property or services furnished under this Agreement shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Contractor gives to any customer for such tangible personal property or services, and that the rights and remedies provided herein shall extend to the Procuring Agency and are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the Procuring Agency by any other Clause of this Agreement or order. Contractor agrees not to disclaim warranties of fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability.

31. **Condition of Proposed Items.**

Where tangible personal property is a part of this Agreement, all proposed items are to be NEW and of most current production, unless otherwise specified.

32. **Release.**

Final payment of the amounts due under this Agreement shall operate as a release of the Procuring Agency, its officers and employees, and the State of New Mexico from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Agreement.

33. **Confidentiality.**

Any Confidential Information provided to the Contractor by the Procuring Agency or, developed by the Contractor based on information provided by the Procuring Agency in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the Procuring Agency. Upon termination of this Agreement, Contractor shall deliver all Confidential Information in its possession to the Procuring Agency within thirty (30) Business Days of such termination. Contractor acknowledges that failure to deliver such Confidential Information to the Procuring Agency will result in direct, special and incidental damages.

34. **Contractor Personnel.**

A. **Key Personnel.** Contractor's key personnel shall not be diverted from this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Procuring Agency. Key personnel are those individuals considered by the Procuring Agency to be mandatory to the work to be performed under this Agreement. Key personnel shall be:

[]

B. **Personnel Changes.** Replacement of any personnel shall be made with personnel of equal ability, experience, and qualification and shall be approved by the Procuring Agency. For all personnel, the Procuring Agency reserves the right to require submission of their resumes prior to approval. If the number of Contractor's personnel assigned to the Project is reduced for any reason, Contractor shall, within ten (10) Business Days of the reduction, replace with the same or greater number of personnel with equal ability, experience, and qualifications, subject to Procuring Agency approval. The Procuring Agency, in its sole discretion, may approve additional time beyond the ten (10) Business Days for replacement of personnel. The Contractor shall include status reports of its efforts and progress in finding replacements and the effect of the absence of the personnel on the progress of the Project. The Contractor shall also make interim arrangements to assure that the Project progress is not affected by the loss of personnel. The Procuring Agency reserves the right to require a change in Contractor's personnel if the assigned personnel are not, in the sole opinion of the Procuring Agency, meeting the Procuring Agency's expectations.

35. **Incorporation by Reference and Precedence.**

If this Agreement has been procured pursuant to a request for proposals, this Agreement is derived from (1) the request for proposal, (including any written clarifications to the request for proposals and any agency response to questions); (2) the Contractor's best and final offer; and (3) the Contractor's response to the request for proposals.

In the event of a dispute under this Agreement, applicable documents will be referred to for the purpose of clarification or for additional detail in the following order of precedence: (1) amendments to the Agreement in reverse chronological order; (2) the Agreement, including the scope of work and all terms and conditions thereof; (3) the request for proposals, including attachments thereto and written responses to questions and written clarifications; (4) the Contractor's best and final offer if such has been made and accepted by the Procuring Agency or entity; and (5) the Contractor's response to the request for proposals.

36. **Inspection.**

If this Agreement is for the purchase of tangible personal property (goods), final inspection and acceptance shall be made at Destination. Tangible personal property rejected at Destination for non-conformance to specifications shall be removed at Contractor's risk and expense promptly after notice of rejection and shall not be allowable as billable items for payment.

37. **Inspection of Services.**

If this Agreement is for the purchase of services, the following terms shall apply.

A. Services, as used in this Clause, include services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.

B. The Contractor shall provide and maintain an inspection system acceptable to the Procuring Agency covering the services under this Agreement. Complete records of all inspection work performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Procuring Agency during the term of performance of this Agreement and for as long thereafter as the Agreement requires.

C. The Procuring Agency has the right to inspect and test all services contemplated under this Agreement to the extent practicable at all times and places during the term of the Agreement. The Procuring Agency shall perform inspections and tests in a manner that will not unduly delay or interfere with Contractor's performance.

D. If the Procuring Agency performs inspections or tests on the premises of the Contractor or a subcontractor, the Contractor shall furnish, and shall require subcontractors to furnish, at no increase in Agreement price, all reasonable facilities and assistance for the safe and convenient performance of such inspections or tests.

E. If any part of the services do not conform with the requirements of this Agreement, the Procuring Agency may require the Contractor to re-perform the services in conformity with the requirements of this Agreement at no increase in Agreement amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by re-performance, the Procuring Agency may:

(1) require the Contractor to take necessary action(s) to ensure that future performance conforms to the requirements of this Agreement; and

(2) reduce the Agreement price to reflect the reduced value of the services performed.

F. If the Contractor fails to promptly re-perform the services or to take the necessary action(s) to ensure future performance in conformity with the requirements of this Agreement, the Procuring Agency may:

(1) by Agreement or otherwise, perform the services and charge to the Contractor any cost incurred by the Procuring Agency that is directly related to the performance of such service; or

(2) terminate the Agreement for default.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CLAUSE ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DO NOT WAIVE THE STATE PARTIES' TO THIS AGREEMENT OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.

38. **Insurance.**

If the services contemplated under this Agreement will be performed on or in State facilities or property, Contractor shall maintain in force during the entire term of this Agreement, the following insurance coverage(s), naming the Procuring Agency as additional insured.

A. Workers Compensation (including accident and disease coverage) at the statutory limit. Employers liability: \$100,000.

B. Comprehensive general liability (including endorsements providing broad form property

damage, personal injury coverage and contractual assumption of liability for all liability the Contractor has assumed under this Agreement). Limits shall not be less than the following:

- a. Bodily injury: \$1,000,000 per person /\$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- b. Property damage or combined single limit coverage: \$1,000,000.
- c. Automobile liability (including non-owned automobile coverage): \$1,000,000.
- d. Umbrella: \$1,000,000.

C. Contractor shall maintain the above insurance for the term of this Agreement and the Procuring Agency as an additional insured and provide for 30 days cancellation notice on any Certificate of Insurance form furnished by Contractor. Such certificate shall also specifically state the coverage provided under the policy is primary over any other valid and collectible insurance and provide a waiver of subrogation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute this Agreement, which will take effect on the last signature date of the required approval authorities below. Each of the signatories, below, may execute this Agreement by hard copy original, facsimile, digital or electronic signature, any of which shall be deemed to be a true and original signature hereunder.

By:

Date: November 1, 2023

Monica Abeita, Executive Director
North Central New Mexico Economic Development District

By:

Date: November 1, 2023

[Insert Contractor Name, Title]
[Company Name]

Approved for legal sufficiency:

By:

Date:

[Insert Procuring Agency General Counsel Name], General Counsel
[Insert Procuring Agency Name]

The records of the Taxation and Revenue Department reflect that the Contractor is registered with the Taxation and Revenue Department of the State to pay gross receipts and compensating taxes:

BTIN: _____

EXHIBIT A: DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE CONTRACT

**APPENDIX D
COST RESPONSE FORM**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2024-03
MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Task	Description	Unit	Cost	Total
1	Data Collection & Analysis			\$
2	Planning Teams			\$
3	Outreach Strategy			\$
4	Public Involvement			\$
5	Risk Assessment			\$
6	Mitigation Strategies			\$
7	Review & Adopt HMP			\$
8	Draft & Finalize HMP			\$
	Total			\$

Signature

Date

Title (position)

**APPENDIX D
COST RESPONSE FORM**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2024-03
COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Task	Description	Unit	Cost	Total
1	Data Collection & Analysis			\$
2	Planning Teams			\$
3	Outreach Strategy			\$
4	Public Involvement			\$
5	Risk Assessment			\$
6	Mitigation Strategies			\$
7	Review & Adopt HMP			\$
8	Draft & Finalize HMP			\$
	Total			\$

Signature

Date

Title (position)

**APPENDIX E
LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2024-03
MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

**ITEMS #1 to #4 EACH MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL (pursuant to Section II.C.30).
FAILURE TO RESPOND TO ALL FOUR (4) ITEMS WILL RESULT IN THE
DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR'S PROPOSAL! DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEM BLANK!**
(N/A, None, Does not apply, etc. are acceptable responses.)

RFP#: 2023-01

1. Identify the following information for the submitting organization:

Offeror Name	
Mailing Address	
Telephone	
FED ID#	
NM CRS#	

2. Identify the individual(s) authorized by the organization to (A) contractually obligate, (B) negotiate, and/or (C) clarify/respond to queries on behalf of this Offeror:

	A Contractually Obligate	B Negotiate*	C Clarify/Respond to Queries*
Name			
Title			
E-mail			
Telephone			

* If the individual identified in Column A also performs the functions identified in Columns B & C, then no response is required for those Columns. If separate individuals perform the functions in Columns B and/or C, they must be identified.

3. Use of subcontractors (Select one):

- No subcontractors will be used in the performance of any resultant contract, OR
 The following subcontractors will be used in the performance of any resultant contract:

 (Attach extra sheets, as needed)

4. Describe any relationship with any entity (such as a State Agency, reseller, etc. that is not a subcontractors listed in #3 above), if any, which will be used in the performance of any resultant contract. (N/A, None, Does not apply, etc. are acceptable responses to this item.)

 (Attach extra sheets, as needed)

By signing the form below, the Authorized Signatory attests to the accuracy and veracity of the information provided on this form, and explicitly acknowledges the following:

- On behalf of the submitting-organization identified in item #1, above, I accept the Conditions Governing the Procurement, as required in Section II.C.1. of this RFP;

- I concur that submission of our proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors contained in Section V of this RFP; and
- I acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP, if any.

_____, 20____
Authorized Signature and Date (*Must be signed by the individual identified in item #2.A, above.*)

APPENDIX F

ORGANIZATIONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The State of New Mexico, as a part of the RFP process, requires Offerors to submit a minimum of three (3) business references as required within this document. The purpose of these references is to document Offeror's experience relevant to the scope of work in an effort to establish Offeror's responsibility.

Offeror is required to send the following reference form to each business reference listed. The business reference, in turn, is requested to submit the Reference Form directly to: Procurement Manager by September 29, 2023, for inclusion in the evaluation process. The form and information provided will become a part of the submitted proposal. Business references provided may be contacted for validation of content provided therein.

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ORGANIZATIONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR:

(Name of Offeror)

This form is being submitted to your company for completion as a business reference for the company listed above. This form is to be returned to NCNMEDD by e-mail at:

Name: Bernadette Segobia-Abeyta, Procurement Manager
Email: bernadettes@ncnmedd.com

This completed form must be submitted no later than 5:00pm Mountain Daylight Time on September 29, 2023, and **must not** be returned to the company requesting the reference.

For questions or concerns regarding this form, please contact the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District Procurement Manager listed above. When contacting us, please be sure to include the Request for Proposal number listed at the top of this page.

Company providing reference: _____

Contact name and title/position _____

Contact telephone number _____

Contact e-mail address _____

Project description; _____

Project dates (starting and ending); _____

QUESTIONS:

1. In what capacity have you worked with this vendor in the past?

2. How would you rate this firm's knowledge and expertise?

_____ 3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable

COMMENTS:

3. How would you rate the vendor's flexibility relative to changes in the project scope and timelines?

_____ 3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable

COMMENTS:

4. What is your level of satisfaction with hard-copy materials produced by the vendor?

_____ 3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable

COMMENTS:

5. How would you rate the dynamics/interaction between the vendor and your staff?

_____ 3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable

COMMENTS:

6. Who were the vendor's principal representatives involved in your project and how would you rate them individually? Would you comment on the skills, knowledge, behaviors or other factors on which you based the rating?

3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable

Name: _____ Rating: _____

Name: _____ Rating: _____

Name: _____ Rating: _____

Name: _____ Rating: _____

COMMENTS:

7. How satisfied are you with the products developed by the vendor?
_____ 3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable

COMMENTS:

8. With which aspect(s) of this vendor's services are you most satisfied?

COMMENTS:

9. With which aspect(s) of this vendor's services are you least satisfied?

COMMENTS:

10. Would you recommend this vendor's services to your organization again?

COMMENTS:

**APPENDIX G
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #2024-03
MORA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
COLFAX COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE**

Offeror Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

FEIN # _____

NM CRS # _____

Contact Person:
(Name & Title) _____

By signing this company questionnaire, through the undersigned representative who has the authority to bind the offeror, and by submitting a proposal for RFP# 2024-03.

9. Agrees to perform the services required by RFP# 2024-03 and to adhere to all requirements, specifications, terms, and conditions of such RFP.
10. Certifies that it holds an active business license with the State of New Mexico.
11. Certifies that it has successfully completed at least one FEMA approved (1) HMP, and preferably three (3) FEMA approved HMPs (does not have to be in New Mexico).
12. Certifies that it possesses professional liability insurance, in accordance with Section 8.I of 2.2.2 NMAC, covering any error or omission committed during the term of any contract awarded under this RFP.
13. Certifies that it has an internal quality control system in place and external quality control reviews conducted in accordance with Section 14.C of 2.2.2 NMAC

14. Certifies that all reasonable and commercially accepted measures to ensure the security and confidentiality of information and data provided by NMAC.
15. Certifies that it is independent and warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required under any contract entered into by NCNMEDD and the Offeror.
16. Certifies that it has a positive net worth as of the submission date of its proposal and that it shall maintain a positive net worth for the duration of any contract entered into with NCNMEDD.
17. Certifies that it will comply with confidentiality requirements as stated in the contract.
18. Certifies that it will comply with all requirements of the most recent Audit Rule.

SIGNED BY: _____

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____